

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

GRANDSTAFF

ROKOSCH *JRH*

THOMPSON

CHILCOTT *gc*

DRISCOLL *CD*

PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....January 28, 2008

Members Present.....Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff,
Commissioner Jim Rokosch, Commissioner Alan Thompson, Commissioner Greg
Chilcott and Commissioner Kathleen Driscoll

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

► The Board met for an office update and committee report. A brief discussion took place relative to the 9-1-1 union negotiations that Commissioner Grandstaff will be participating in this morning which included making sure the 'list' of potential fill-in dispatchers was made public and safety was provided for those people that might fill-in if a strike were to occur. Financing the union's request was also discussed.

► Commissioner Grandstaff left to participate in the 9-1-1 Union Negotiations.

► Commissioner Driscoll gave an update of the various boards and committees she sits on as follows:

- Animal Control will begin working with the RC& D in order to seek grants and utilize monies from the dog licenses for grant search.
- Park Board is working on an option contract for the 9 acres on Kurtz Lane. They are also looking at purchasing a larger parcel with the pro rata monies.
- Airport Board is still looking at extending the runway. She stated she advised them it is important for the FBO's and hangar owners to work together on various airport issues. She also encouraged members of the Airport Board to attend the zoning meetings.
- JSEC – Commissioner Driscoll is now attending the CED (Comprehensive Economic Development with Missoula, Ravalli and Mineral County. Skip Rosenthal is now attending the JSEC meetings.
- Transportation Committee – this is a meeting that occurs in Missoula. They anticipate a 20-30% cut in highway funds as per the federal government.

Commissioner Thompson gave an update of the various boards and committee he sits on as follows:

- National Forest Lands – Commissioner Thompson has prepared a resolution to address the biomass, which helps the public safety and health issue for removing the biomass from the forest and providing energy efficiency for public buildings.
- Secure Rural Schools – Ravalli County stands to lose over \$890,000 and this will be addressed in March when he goes to Washington D.C.
- PILT – Ravalli County stands to lose over \$600,000 and will also be addressed when he goes to Washington D.C.
- Public Lands at the State level – Commissioner Thompson has been asked to chair this committee.
- RAC – is in limbo because they are funded by the Secure Rural Schools. Many of the current projects will not occur until summer.
- Human Resource Committee – they continue to allocate monies for low income housing and approve loans for families to access home loans. They also address the committee health planning in regard to a public health clinic. Commissioner Grandstaff is also working with Jim Morton of HRC as she has had some interest and has done some work on a public health clinic for the past several years. In the state, Ravalli County is ranked #2 in our need for this type of a clinic.
- Mental Health Board – Commissioner Thompson stated they oversee the mental health budget in Western Montana. They review the individual offices for revenues and expenditures as well as proper billing for Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance etc.
- Child Development Center (CDC) – is part of the Mental Health Board. CDC deals with physically and mentally handicapped children. They built a new facility in Kalispell and are selling the old facility.

Commissioner Chilcott gave an update of the various boards and committees he sits on as follows:

- Economic Development Authority (EDA) – working with local businesses and the GSK Grant that will include CDBG funding for training. There is a bio-diesel project in the Corvallis area that will utilize algae, and they are looking at local farmers marketing their products.
- RC&D – Fire mitigation and urban interface is one of the major topics. Ravalli County is on the leading edge in the west. They also assist in the 501-3(C) establishments for local business.
- MR TMA – (Transportation Management) – They deal with Mountain Lion Transportation and those services to outlying areas. Commissioner Chilcott stated service to the outlying areas will take money from the 'I Ride Van Pool' so there is quite a bit of conversation about this. They purchased two new vans last year and the 'I Ride Van Pool' always has more riders than seats.
- MACo/JPIA work comp trust – Commissioner Chilcott noted there will be some people retiring which will mean some new hiring of legal services of the Insurance Trust.

- MACo Conference Committee – Commissioner Chilcott will be assisting with the fall conference planning. Discussion included the 200+ people that will be attending.
- Five Valley Transportation – Commissioner Chilcott has had some scheduling conflicts with the last two meetings but he will be attending today's meeting.

Commissioner Rokosch gave an update on the board and committees he sits on as follows:

- Right to Ranch and Farm Board – In regard to the future planning and land use, this group is attempting to find a balance in regard to preservation of agricultural lands and in the same time having and allowing some options on agricultural land use and value extraction. Discussion includes mitigation on farm land in regard to development and the farmer who is retiring. Discussion of co-ops, new markets, bio fuels etc. also occurred.
- Open Lands Board – Commissioner Rokosch stated there is a communication interface between the Right to Ranch and Farm Board and the Open Lands Board. Discussion includes the mitigation of the loss of farm lands and using some of those monies for open lands.
- Streamside Setback Committee – an update is calendared for next week. Outside farmers and ranchers who have been affected by setbacks are giving their input in order to assist this committee. He asked the Commissioners to review the materials that Chris Clancy put together. Discussion included the interim emergency zoning on streamside setbacks and the Commissioners personal opinions on this.
- Planning Board – Commissioner Rokosch stated based upon legal advice he has not attended the Planning Board meetings when a subdivision is addressed. He stated he is not sure he agrees with that legal advice as those Planning Board meetings are public meetings. Discussion included the quasi-judicial role the Commissioners sit in.

► In other business, Tom Grimes of Daly Leach Memorial re-visited the Joseph Gallego indigent burial/cremation issue with the Board. He stated if they can not find family member, they would still need a judge to justify action through the Public Administrator. They buried Mr. Gallego and no cremation occurred. The Commissioners previously authorized the indigent burial expense but because he was uninformed about the family members he did not know he had to come back to the Board. Daly Leach Memorial will absorb the burial expense. The Board concurred they would re-visit the balance on the burial of Mr. Gallego at another calendared meeting.

► The Board met to award the Request for Proposal for Financing the Energy Performance Contract. Present were Civil Counsel Alex Beal and Internal Auditor Klarryse Murphy. Alex stated after further review he finds the original contract with Johnson Controls for the actual energy audit did not include a public bid for that contract. Now we are going to give them a contract for 2 million dollars for work with no bid. While the Johnson Control bid may save the county money, a bid also means another

company could save the county more money. Under the law, this contract needs to be bid.

Commissioner Thompson stated with the Energy Performance contracts, the State looked at providers and provided the County with a viable list. All of those bids would be the same. Therefore, the County could move forward without a public bid. Alex stated if they are on the list, which he was unaware of, that changes the need for a public bid process. He will confirm this information and if confirmed it would take care of the public bid process requirements.

Klarryse stated she would like to continue the award of this financing because Alex has not had time to fully review this proposed contract. **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to re-calendar this award to Wednesday, January 30th at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion and all voted "aye".**

Klarryse noted she has reviewed the proposals as well as advice from Bond Counsel and she will make that final recommendation on Wednesday.

► Commissioner Thompson attended the Corvallis CPC meeting at the Corvallis High School Library during the evening hours.

► Commissioner Chilcott, Driscoll, and Rokosch attended the Stevensville Town Council Meeting during the evening hours. Issues of discussion included the zoning and planning issues that affect both the Town of Stevensville and Ravalli County as well as the Middle Burnt Fork Road issue.